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ASSUMING THE MANTLE OF "PROTECTOR OF MUTANTKIND" ONCE MORE, MAGNETO HAS TAKEN TO WORKING AS A LONE VIGILANTE, EXACTING REVENGE ON THE PERPETRATORS OF ANTI-MUTANT CRIMES.

AFTER DISCOVERING MUTANT GROWTH HORMONE IN A HONG KONG BASED MUTANT-MURDER ARENA, MAGNETO TRACED ITS SOURCE BACK TO A MAKESHIFT LABORATORY. BUT HIS CONFRONTATION WITH THE MEN RESPONSIBLE WAS INTERRUPTED AS S.H.I.E.L.D. BURST THROUGH THE CEILING. FINALLY FACE-TO-FACE WITH THE AGENTS WHO HAD BEEN TRACKING HIM, MAGNETO MANAGED TO ESCAPE, TAKING WITH HIM THE MAN WHO HAD DEVELOPED THE FORMULA FOR THE MGH. THOUGH THE CHEMIST THOUGHT HIMSELF DEAD TO RIGHTS, MAGNETO HAD A DIFFERENT PLAN FOR HIM--TO PRODUCE A VERSION OF MGH THAT WOULD RESTORE HIS MAGNETIC POWERS TO THEIR FULL STRENGTH.

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GENOSHA.

ONCE, THIS ISLAND NATION  
WAS A PLACE OF PROSPERITY  
AND AFFLUENCE BUILT  
UPON A FOUNDATION OF  
MUTANT *MISERY*.

THEN...UNDER MY  
RULE...IT BECAME A  
*SAFE HAVEN*.

AND THEN  
A *GRAVE*.

NOW IT IS  
SOMETHING  
ELSE.

SOMETHING  
FOUL *STIRS*  
IN THE SOIL.

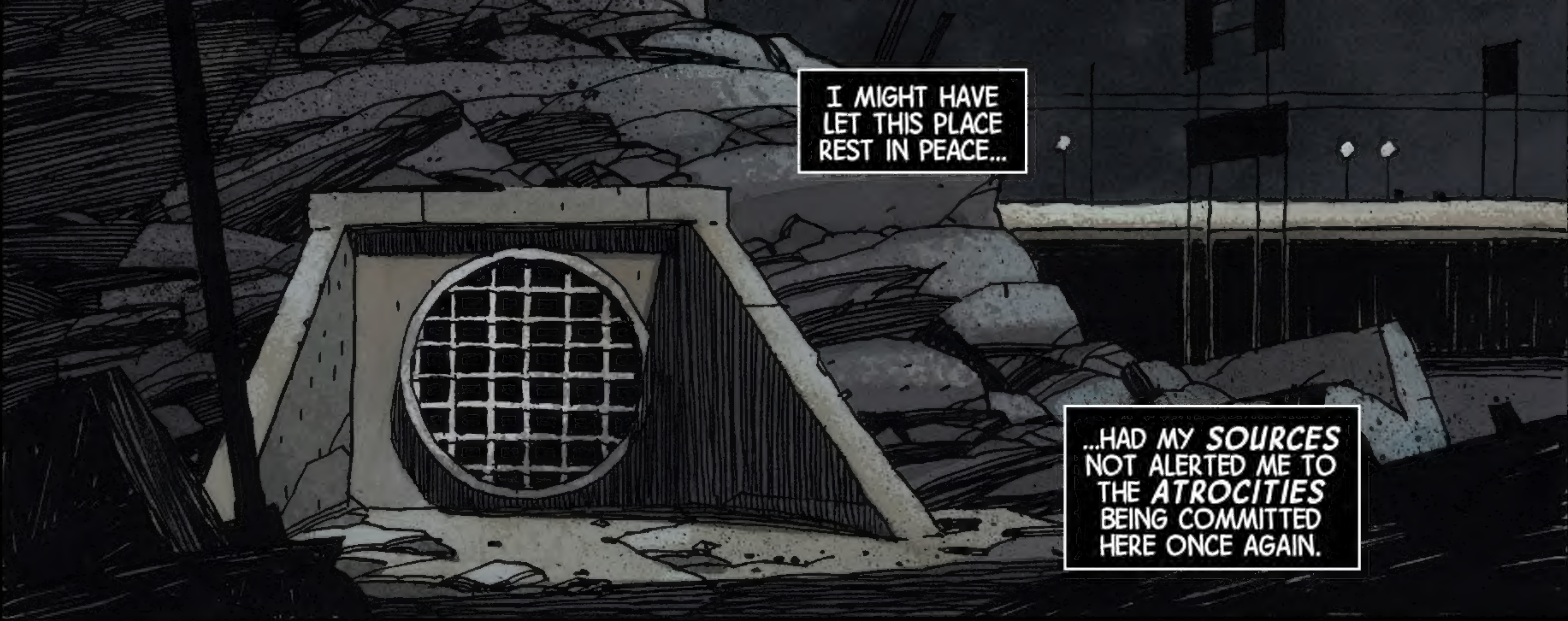
GENOSHA HAS  
RISEN ANEW.

BUT IT IS  
*POISONED*...

...TWISTED AND  
HORRIBLE...

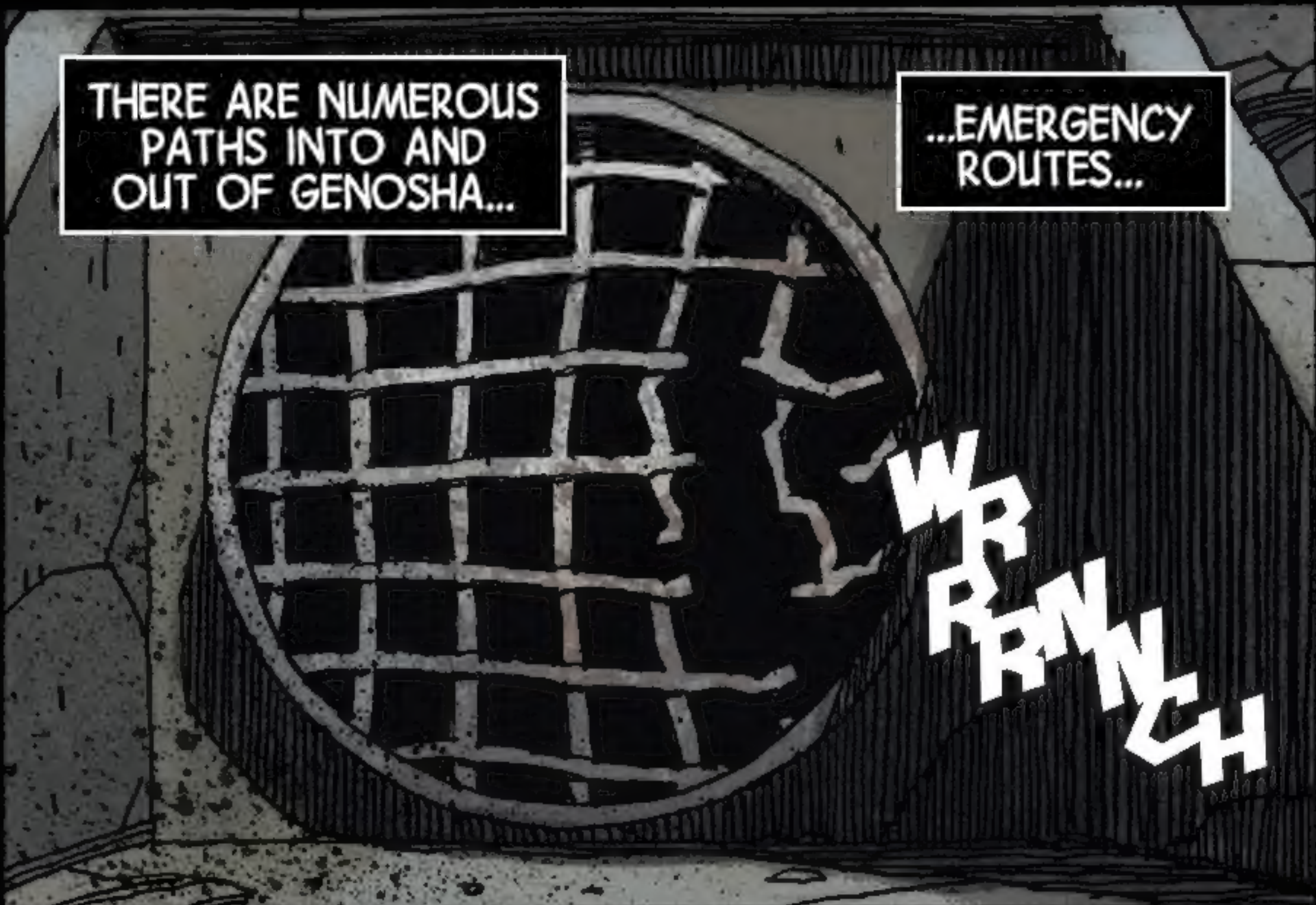
...LORDED OVER  
BY A *DEMON*.





I MIGHT HAVE  
LET THIS PLACE  
REST IN PEACE...

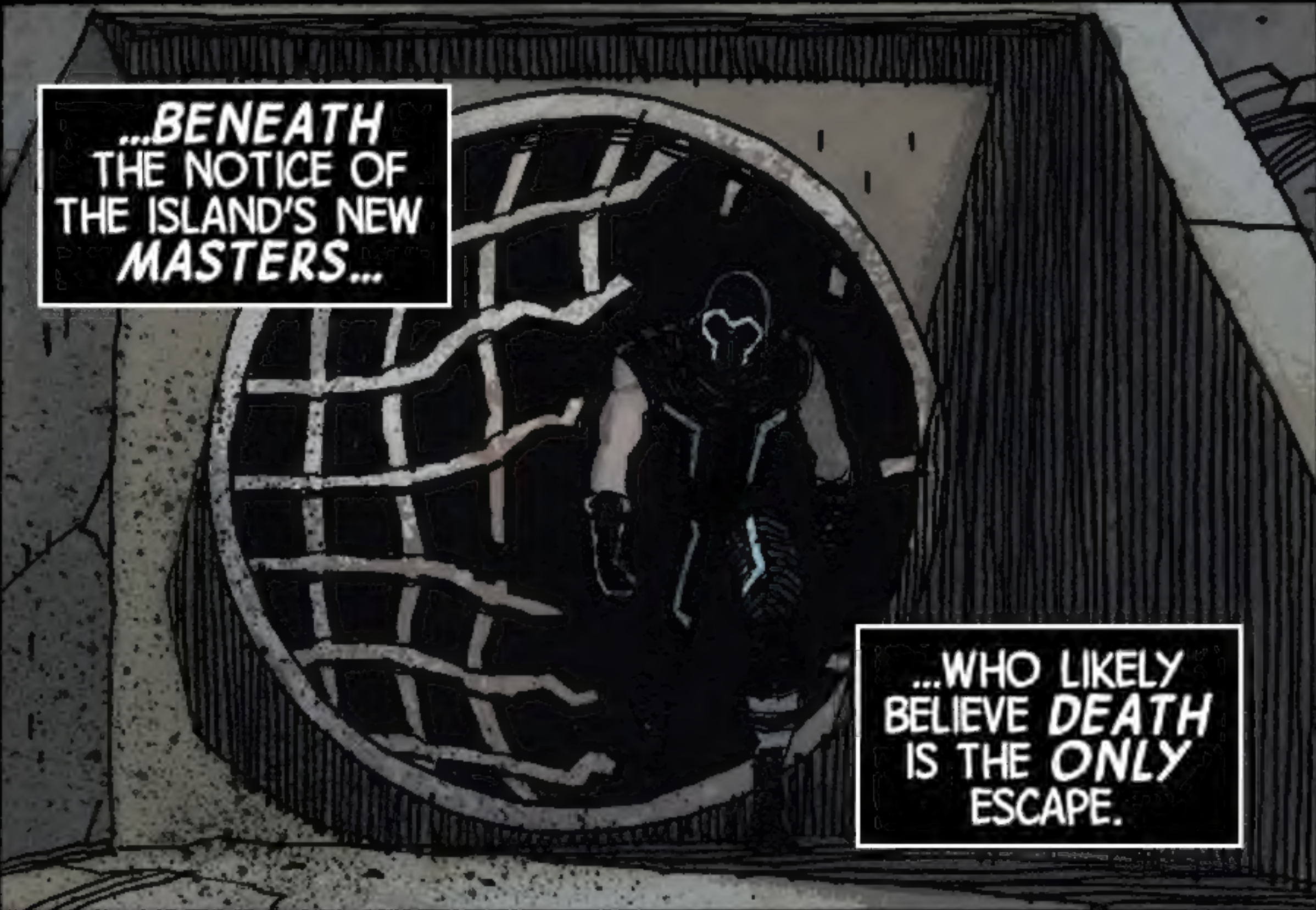
...HAD MY **SOURCES**  
NOT ALERTED ME TO  
THE **ATROCITIES**  
BEING COMMITTED  
HERE ONCE AGAIN.



THERE ARE NUMEROUS  
PATHS INTO AND  
OUT OF GENOSHA...

...EMERGENCY  
ROUTES...

WR  
RRNCH



...**BENEATH**  
THE NOTICE OF  
THE ISLAND'S NEW  
**MASTERS...**

...WHO LIKELY  
BELIEVE **DEATH**  
IS THE **ONLY**  
ESCAPE.



BUT I STILL  
**REMEMBER.**



**MUTANTS** HAVE  
SUFFERED HERE.

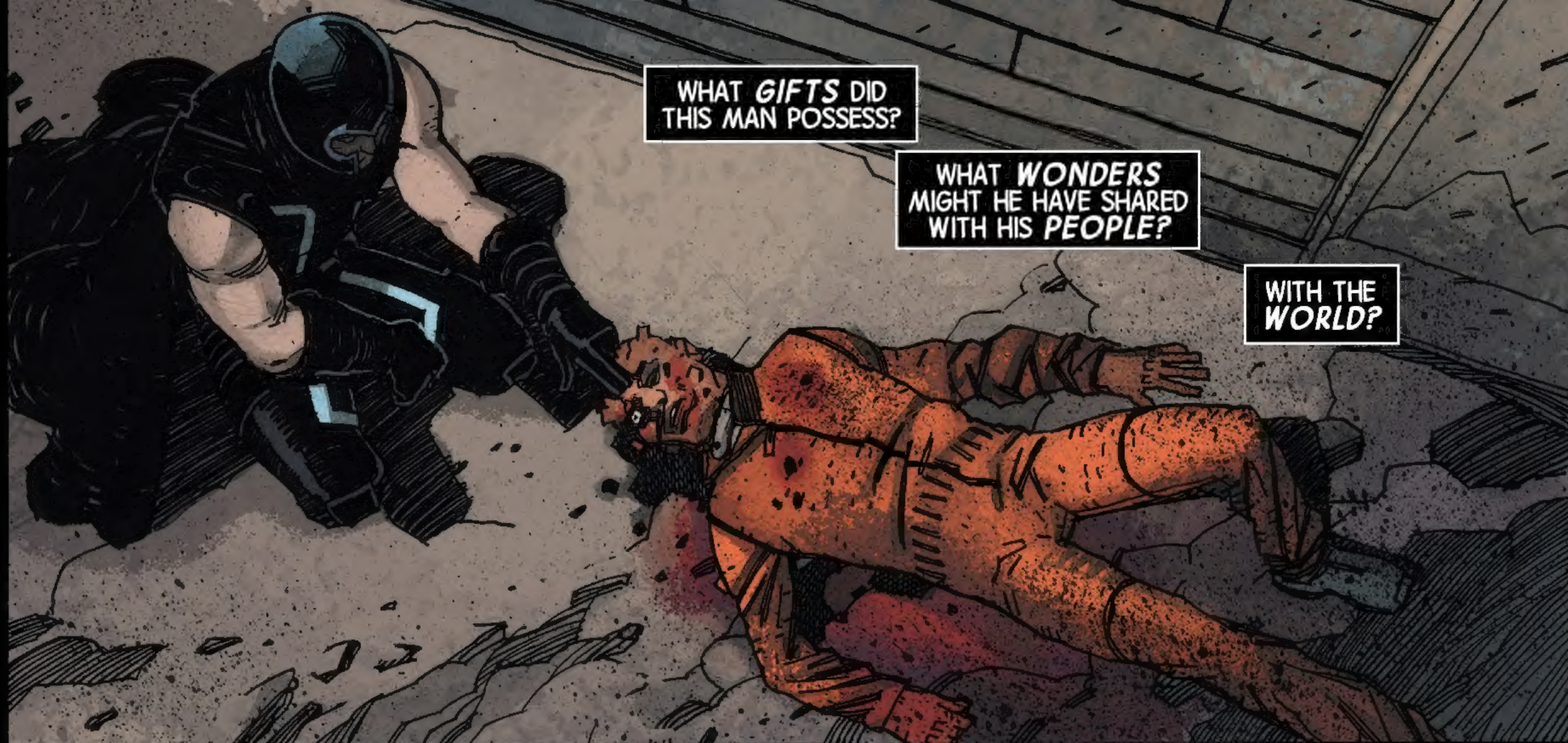
TIME AND AGAIN,  
THEY HAVE BEEN  
MADE TO SUFFER.



AS IF NO FORCE  
COULD POSSIBLY  
STAND AGAINST  
THE WAVES OF  
**LOATHING...**

...THAT BEAT  
**ENDLESSLY**  
UPON GENOSHA'S  
SHORES.





WHAT *GIFTS* DID  
THIS MAN POSSESS?

WHAT *WONDERS*  
MIGHT HE HAVE SHARED  
WITH HIS *PEOPLE*?

WITH THE  
*WORLD*?



DID HE BOW TO  
THOSE WHO WOULD  
EVENTUALLY  
*MURDER* HIM?

OR DID HE  
*FIGHT BACK*?



IT WASN'T THAT LONG  
AGO THAT A ROGUE  
SENTINEL RAZED THE  
GENOSHA THAT WAS.



*SIXTEEN MILLION*  
MUTANTS KILLED IN  
A SEARING FLASH.



AND I COULD  
DO *NOTHING*  
TO STOP IT.



BUT I'LL BE *DAMNED*  
IF I ALLOW ONE MORE  
MUTANT TO *DIE* IN--





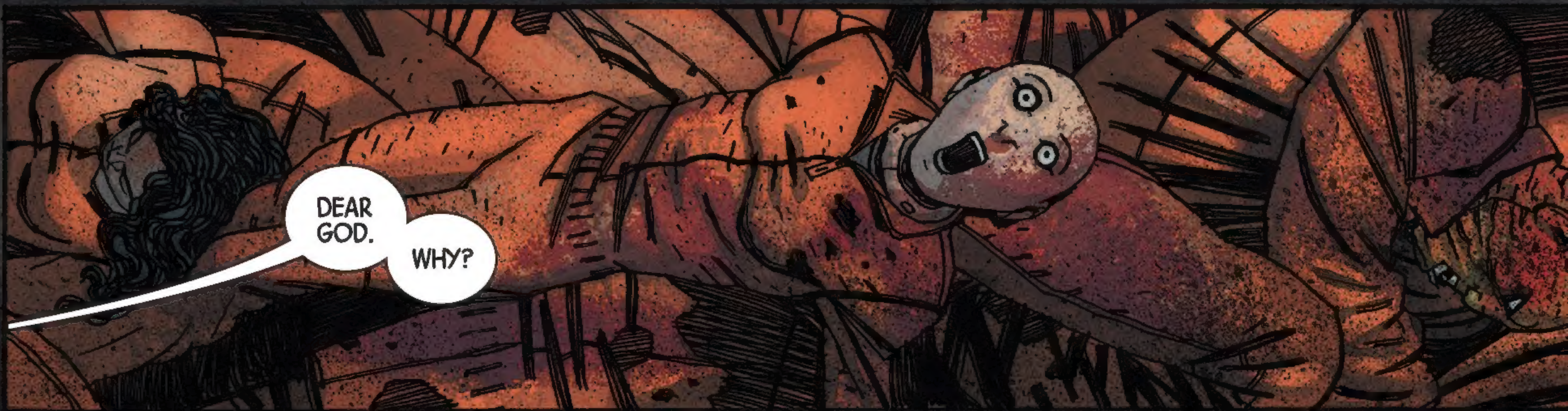
MUTANTS AND  
INHUMANS...

...BRUTALLY  
BEATEN AND  
PILED IN THE  
STREET...



...LIKE  
GARBAGE.

WHAT HAS  
HAPPENED  
HERE?

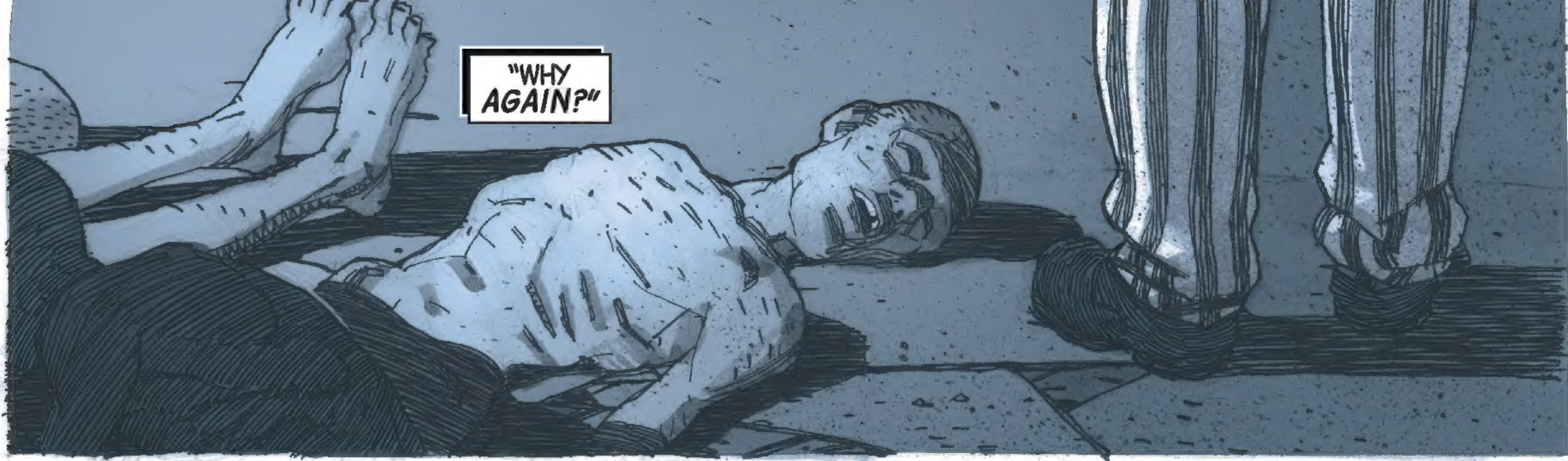


DEAR  
GOD.

WHY?



"WHY AGAIN?"



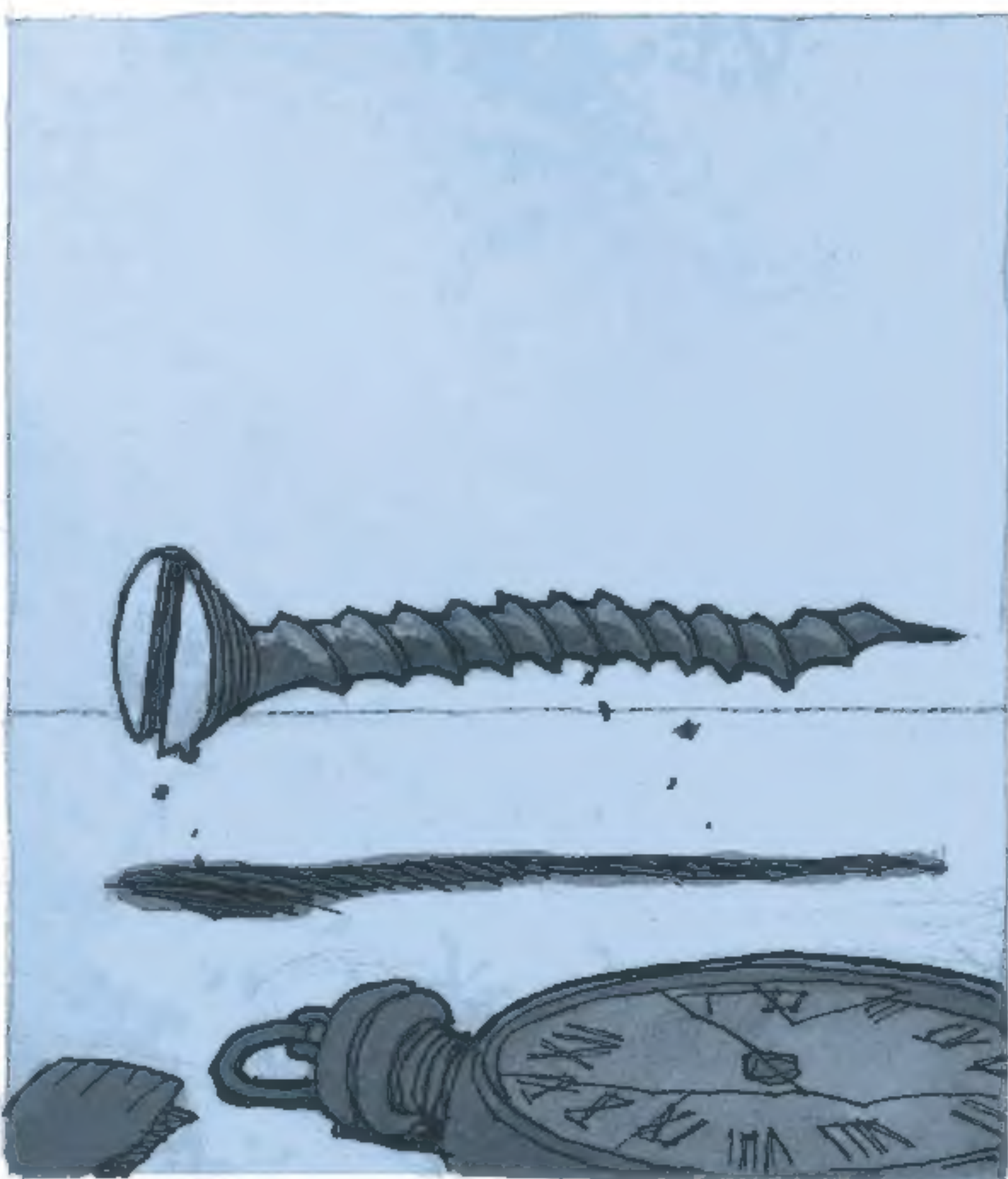








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AS A MEMBER  
OF THE  
SONDERKOMMANDO  
OF AUSCHWITZ...



...I WAS CONSIDERED  
GEHEIMNISTRÄGER--  
A KEEPER OF SECRETS.

THRAP



IN THE YEARS SINCE, I  
HAVE SHOULDERED THE  
**CRUSHING BURDEN** OF  
MANY TRUTHS I WOULD  
DARE NOT SHARE...

...MY GREAT  
**SHAME**  
AMONG THEM.



I CAN TELL MYSELF  
I WAS GIVEN **NO**  
**CHOICE.**

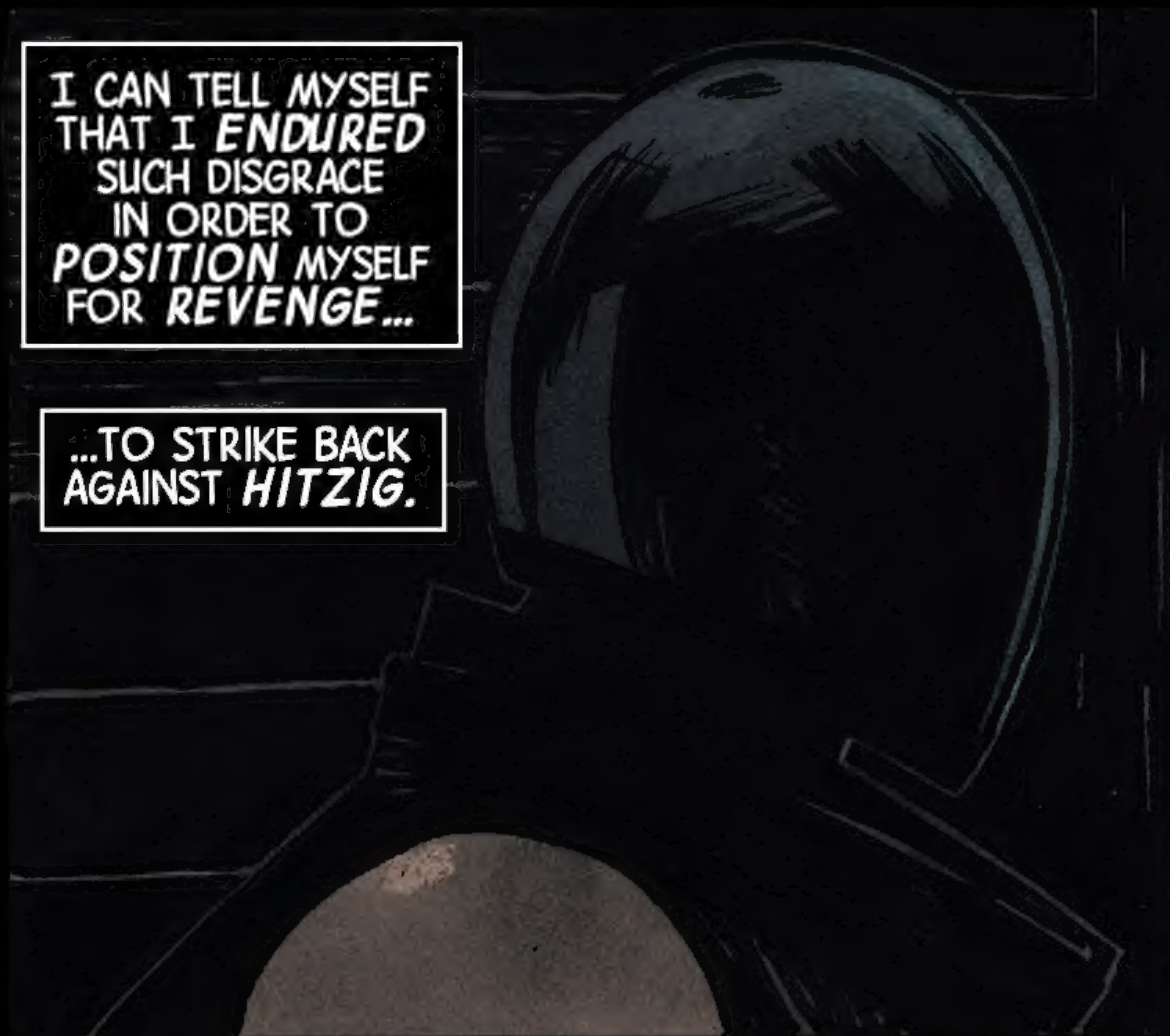
IF I WANTED  
TO **LIVE**, I HAD  
TO **SERVE.**

DISPOSING OF THE  
**CORPSES** OF MY  
SLAUGHTERED PEOPLE.



I CAN TELL MYSELF  
THAT I **ENDURED**  
SUCH DISGRACE  
IN ORDER TO  
**POSITION** MYSELF  
FOR **REVENGE...**

...TO STRIKE BACK  
AGAINST **HITZIG.**



BUT SUCH **LIES**  
LEAVE A BAD TASTE  
IN MY MOUTH...

...NOT UNLIKE  
THE SOUR TANG  
OF A WEAK  
BOY'S **VOMIT.**

AH!



IT'S ALL  
RIGHT.



I AM  
HERE TO **HELP**  
YOU.







JUST LET ME--

NO!

DON'T!



JUST... LEAVE ME ALONE!

I DON'T NEED YOUR HELP.

IF THEY FIND ME... WITHOUT THE COLLAR...

...THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT THEY'LL DO.



WHAT ABOUT YOU?

SHOULD I HAVE LEFT YOU SHACKLED WITH AN INHIBITOR COLLAR AS WELL?



THERE'S A MAN...



...IN OUR HEADS...

...AND HE WARNS US WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF WE DON'T DO AS WE'RE TOLD.



THE MAN WITH THE BLOODY SKULL.



THE RED SKULL.

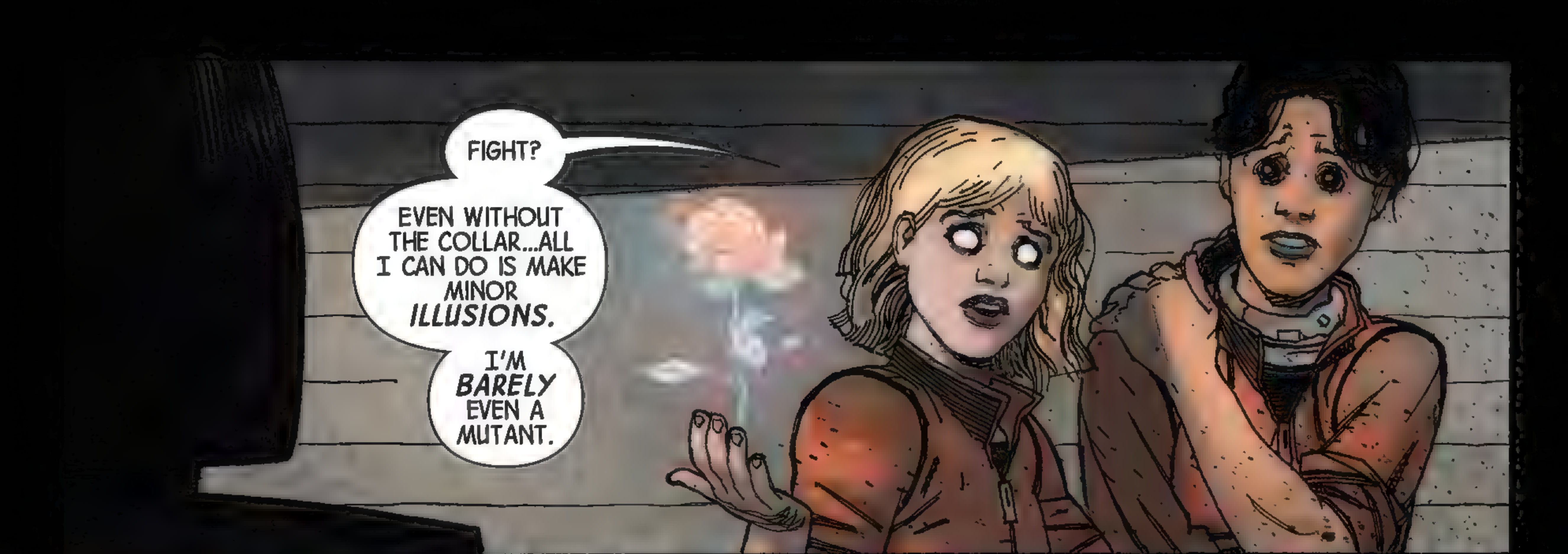


YOU'RE AFRAID OF THIS MAN?

TOO AFRAID TO STAND UP FOR YOURSELF?

TO FIGHT?

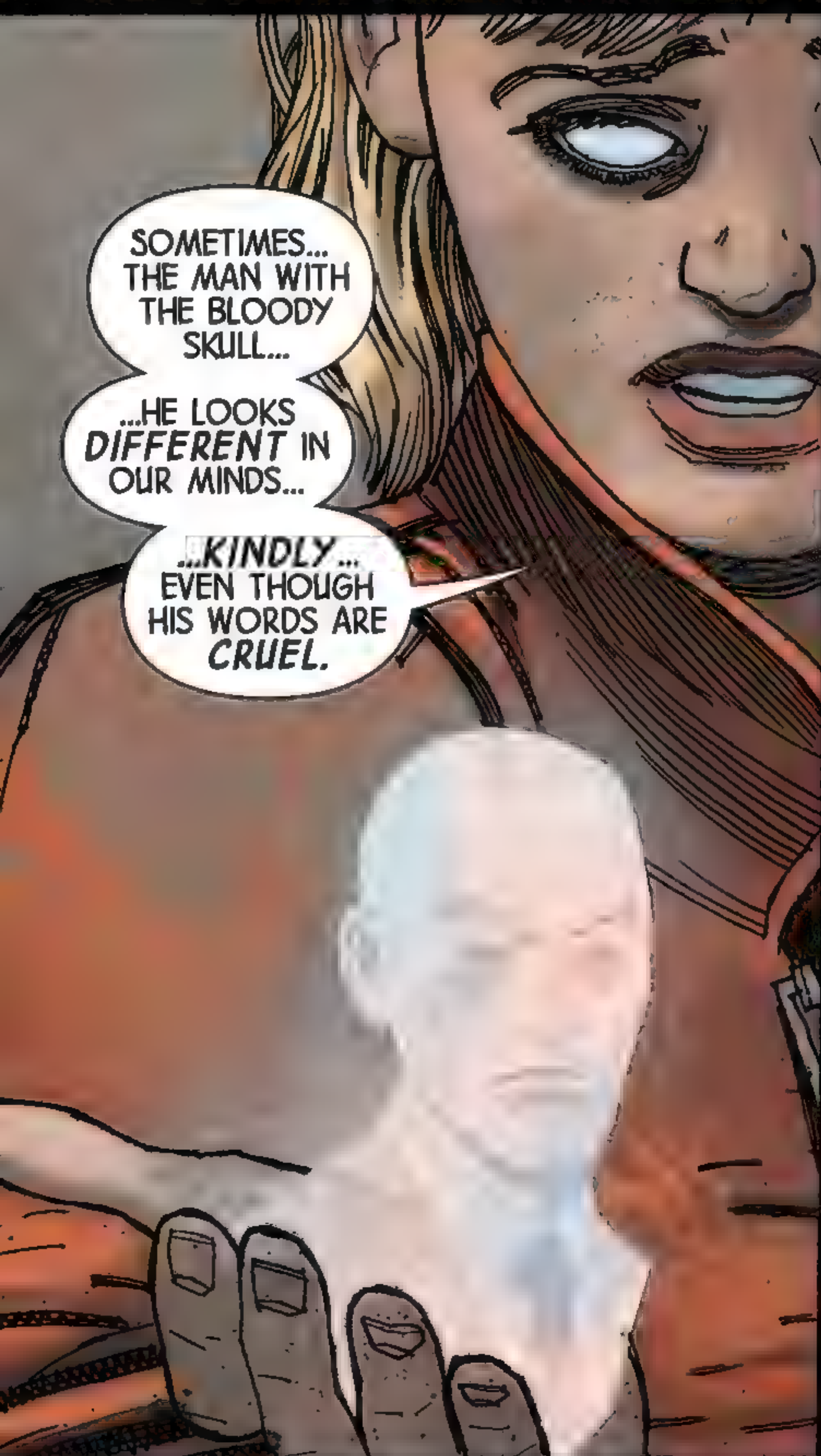




FIGHT?

EVEN WITHOUT  
THE COLLAR...ALL  
I CAN DO IS MAKE  
MINOR  
ILLUSIONS.

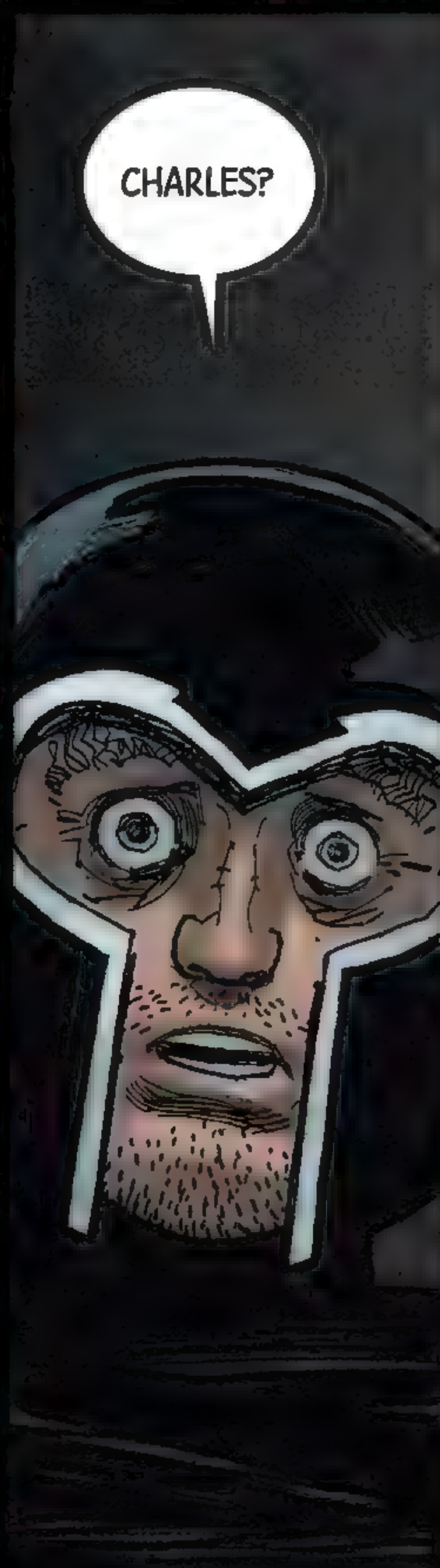
I'M  
BARELY  
EVEN A  
MUTANT.



SOMETIMES...  
THE MAN WITH  
THE BLOODY  
SKULL...

...HE LOOKS  
DIFFERENT IN  
OUR MINDS...

...KINDLY...  
EVEN THOUGH  
HIS WORDS ARE  
CRUEL.



CHARLES?



HE SAYS  
THE MAN WITH  
THE BLOODY SKULL  
TOOK HIS  
POWERS...

...THAT HE'S  
GOING TO USE THEM  
TO DO **TERRIBLE**  
THINGS...

...AND IT'S  
GOING TO  
**HURT**...

...AND THERE'S  
**NOTHING** WE  
CAN DO BUT  
LET HIM.

**THAT'S**  
WHAT I'M  
AFRAID OF.



AMY...WE  
HAVE TO  
GO.

IF  
THEY FIND  
US...

YES--  
GO.

GO AND  
**COWER**,  
THE BOTH OF  
YOU.

LET  
**SOMEONE**  
**ELSE** STAND  
FOR YOU.



I'LL  
SHOULDER THE  
BATTLE.

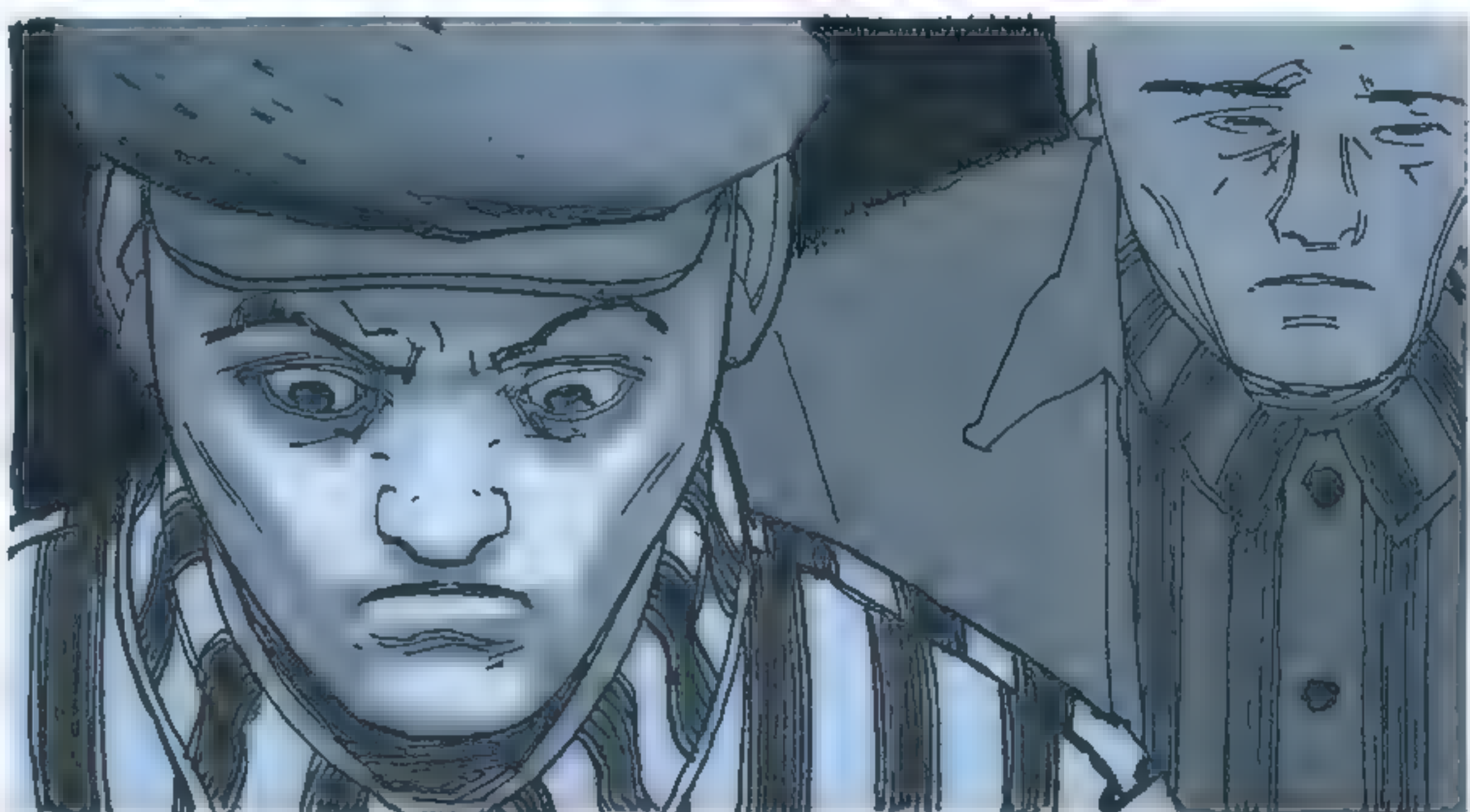
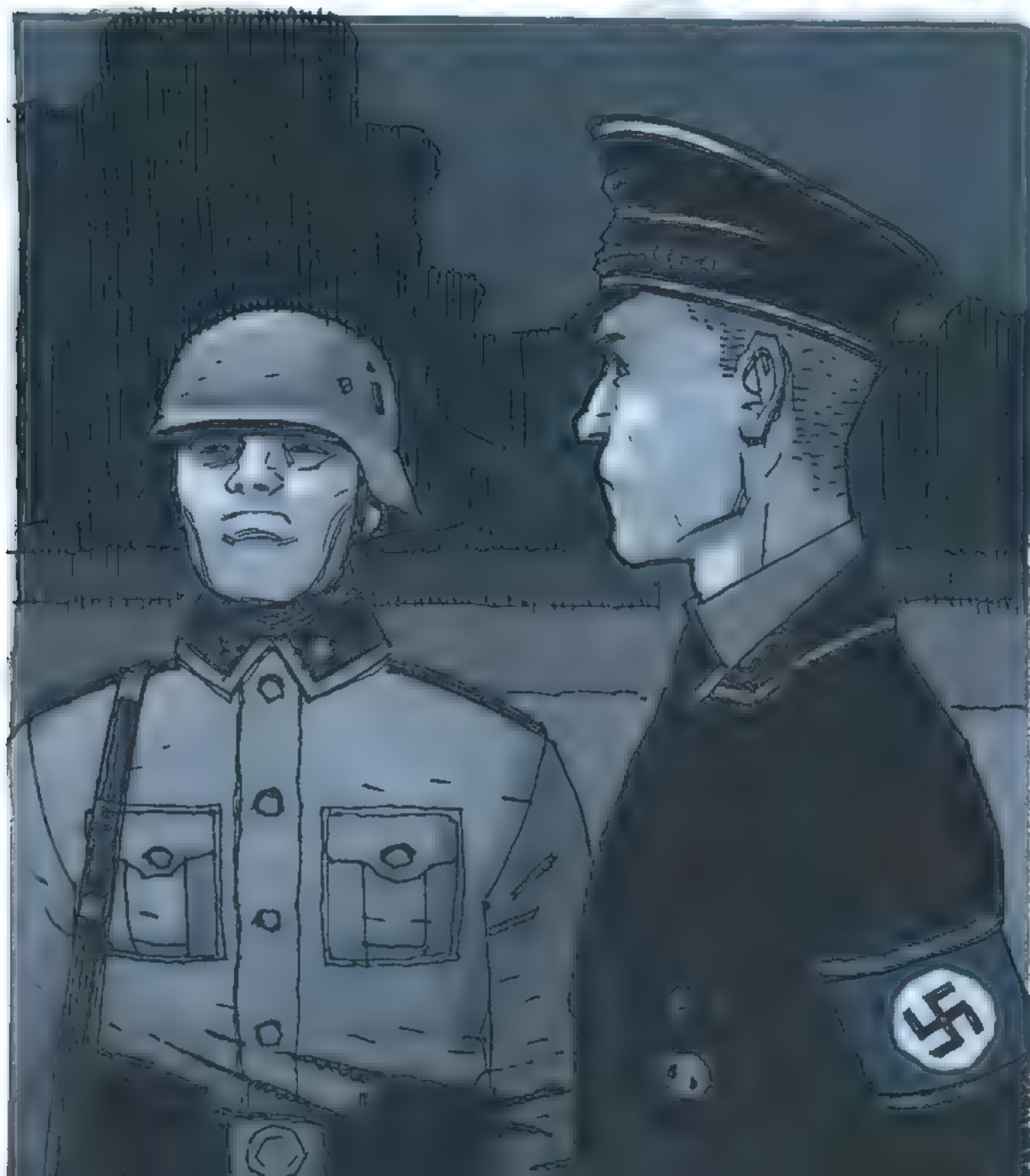
YOU CAN  
LIVE WITH THE  
**SHAME**.



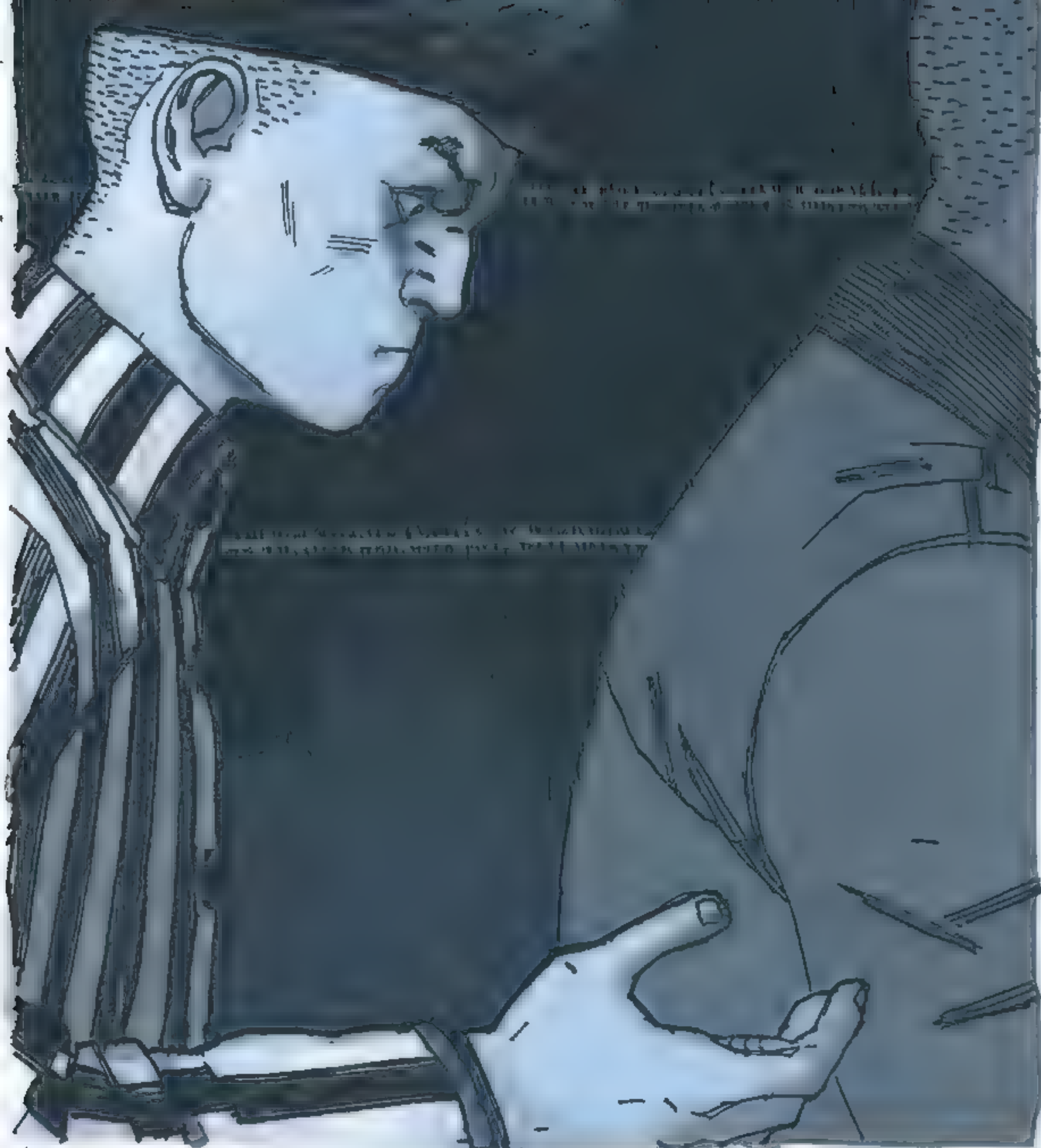
BECAUSE IT  
IS NOT YOUR  
**POWERS** THAT  
GIVE YOU THE  
STRENGTH TO  
FIGHT...



"...BUT YOUR  
CONVICTION."











NO,  
PLEASE!





EVEN YEARS LATER...  
AFTER MY GIFTS  
HAD *MATURED*...



...I WAS  
UNABLE TO  
KILL THE  
MAN.



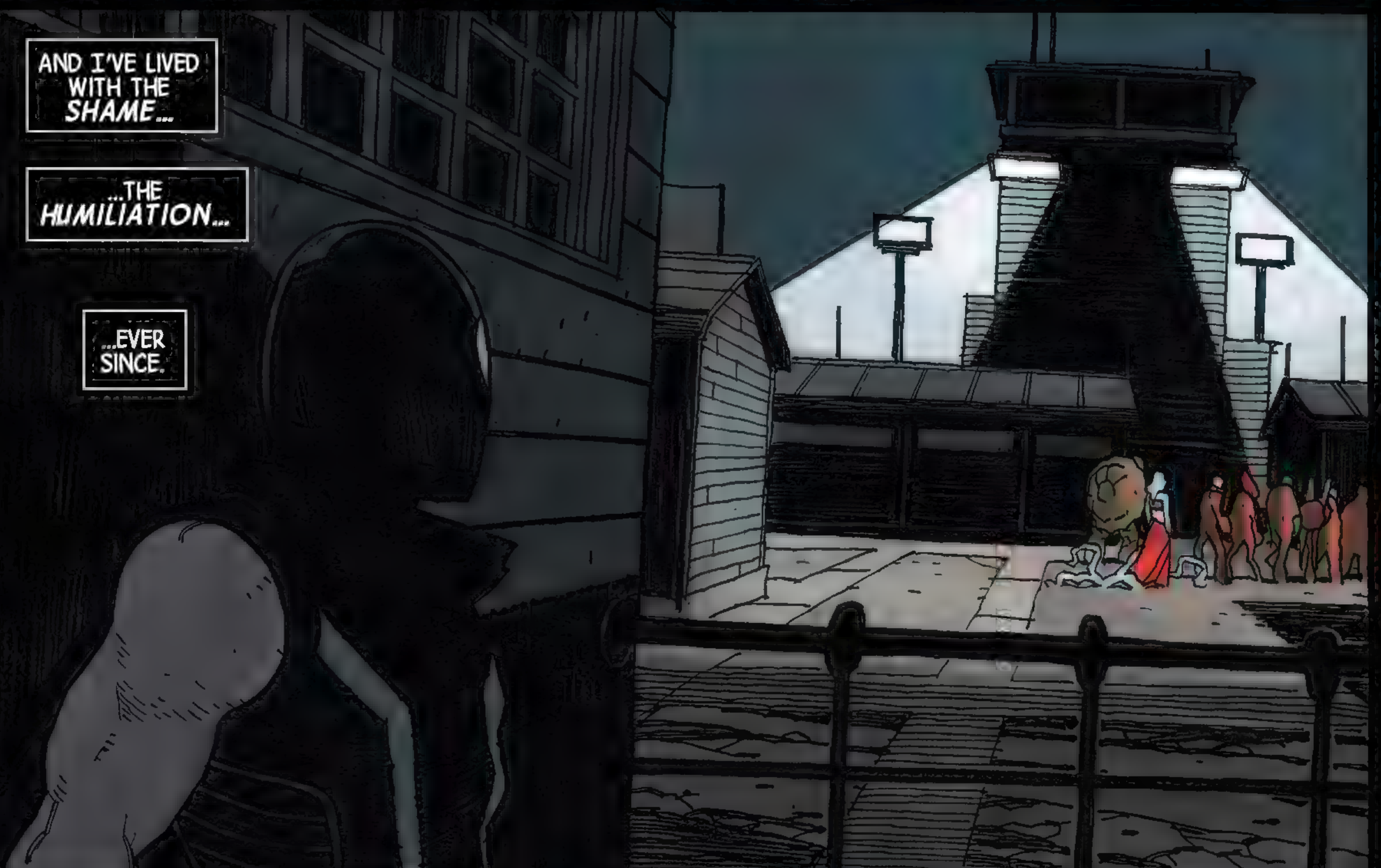
I LET SOMEONE  
ELSE DO THE  
DIRTY WORK  
FOR ME.



AND I'VE LIVED  
WITH THE  
*SHAME*...

...THE  
*HUMILIATION*...

...EVER  
SINCE.



TODAY,  
I MAKE  
*AMENDS*.



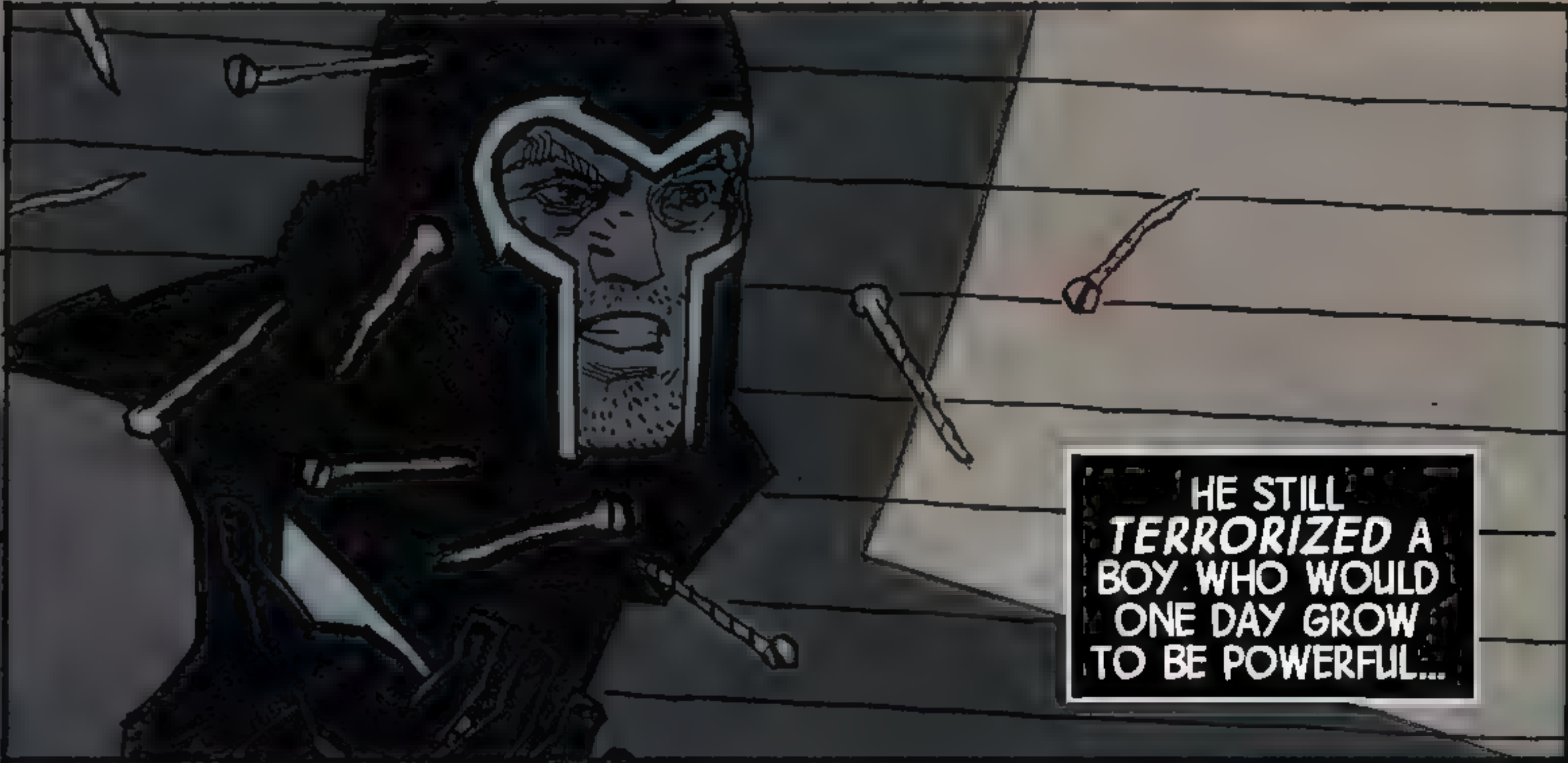


THE RED SKULL.

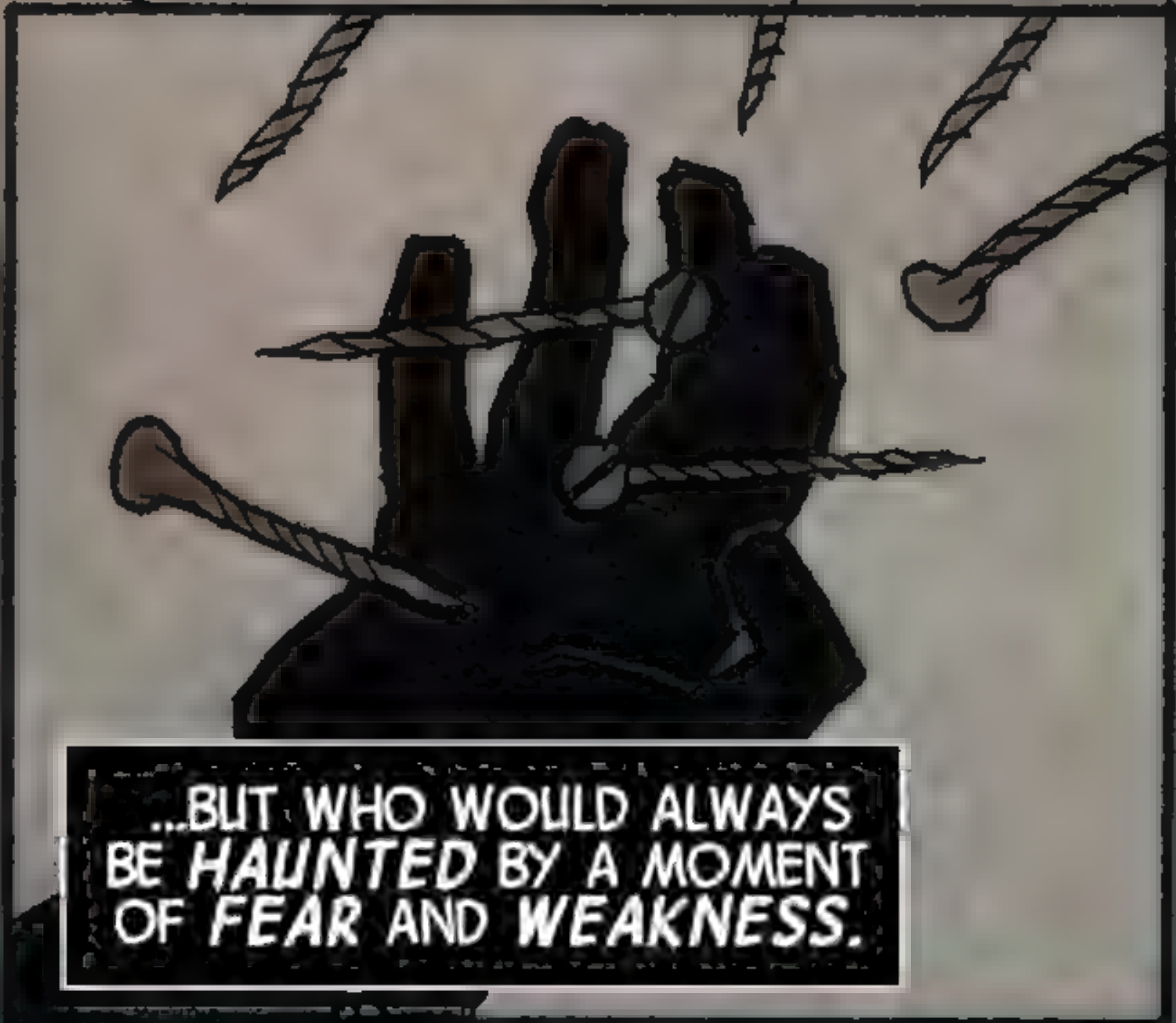
KILLING HIM HERE...  
NOW...WILL NOT  
CHANGE THE PAST.



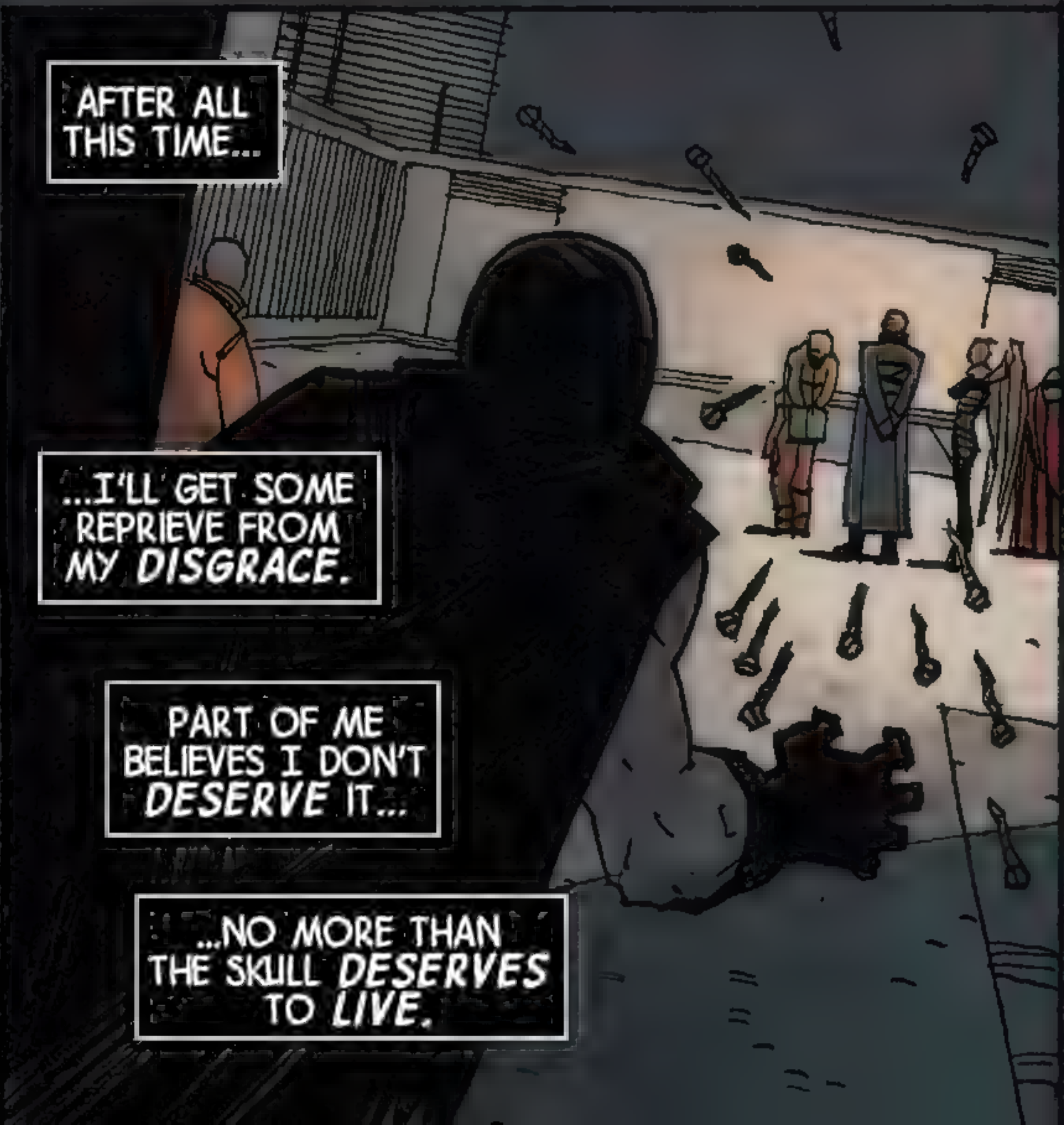
HITZIG STILL  
TORMENTED  
COUNTLESS  
INNOCENTS.



HE STILL  
TERRORIZED A  
BOY WHO WOULD  
ONE DAY GROW  
TO BE POWERFUL...



...BUT WHO WOULD ALWAYS  
BE HAUNTED BY A MOMENT  
OF FEAR AND WEAKNESS.



AFTER ALL  
THIS TIME...

...I'LL GET SOME  
REPRIEVE FROM  
MY DISGRACE.

PART OF ME  
BELIEVES I DON'T  
DESERVE IT...

...NO MORE THAN  
THE SKULL DESERVES  
TO LIVE.





ASSASSIN!

MURDERER!

HOW  
DOES IT FEEL,  
TO BE STRUCK  
FROM *BEHIND*,  
AS YOU WOULD  
STRIKE AT YOUR  
*VICTIMS*?

DANGEROUS  
JINN'S FLAMES  
*BURN*, DON'T  
THEY?

I WISH ONLY  
THAT THEY BURNED  
A *THOUSAND*  
*TIMES* MORE  
*FIERCELY*!





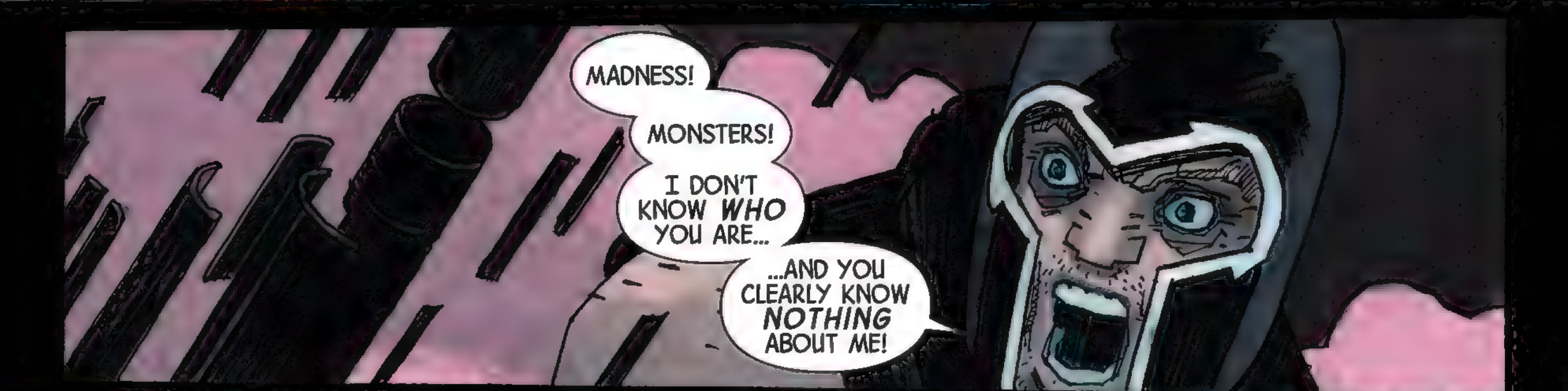


DON'T  
MIND MZEE,  
MAGNETO.

HE LONGS  
TO SEE YOU  
SUFFER FOR WHAT  
YOU DID TO HIS  
FAMILY.

BUT I'LL  
HELP YOU  
EXTINGUISH  
THOSE FLAMES!

LLLLLASH



MADNESS!

MONSTERS!

I DON'T  
KNOW WHO  
YOU ARE...

...AND YOU  
CLEARLY KNOW  
NOTHING  
ABOUT ME!



I'M  
NOT SOME  
CHILD...

...SOME  
COWARD...

...WHO'LL BE  
DISSUADED  
FROM HIS  
TASK!



PAIN...  
FRUSTRATION...  
FEAR...

...FLOODING  
MY SENSES...

...RANTING  
LIKE A MADMAN...



...BUT THE  
RED SKULL  
WILL DIE BY  
MY HAND!

↑ **TARRK-RRUMBLE-KRAK**

I TOLD  
YOU ONCE  
BEFORE,  
NAZI...

I AM YOUR  
BETTER!

BUT WHERE  
I ONCE  
SHOWED YOU  
CLEMENCY...

...THIS TIME  
I HAVE BROUGHT  
YOU NOTHING BUT  
DEATH!

YOU OLD  
FOOL!

STILL FIGHTING  
THE **SAME** WAR!  
STILL BELIEVING YOU  
FACE THE **SAME**  
**ENEMIES!**

YOU  
DON'T  
KNOW  
ME...

...ANY MORE  
THAN YOU'LL  
ACCEPT YOUR OWN  
FAILINGS!





WUNNF!

THROWING TRASH WILL NOT STOP MZEE'S IMPOSSIBLE STRENGTH!

IT WILL NOT STOP MY RAGE!

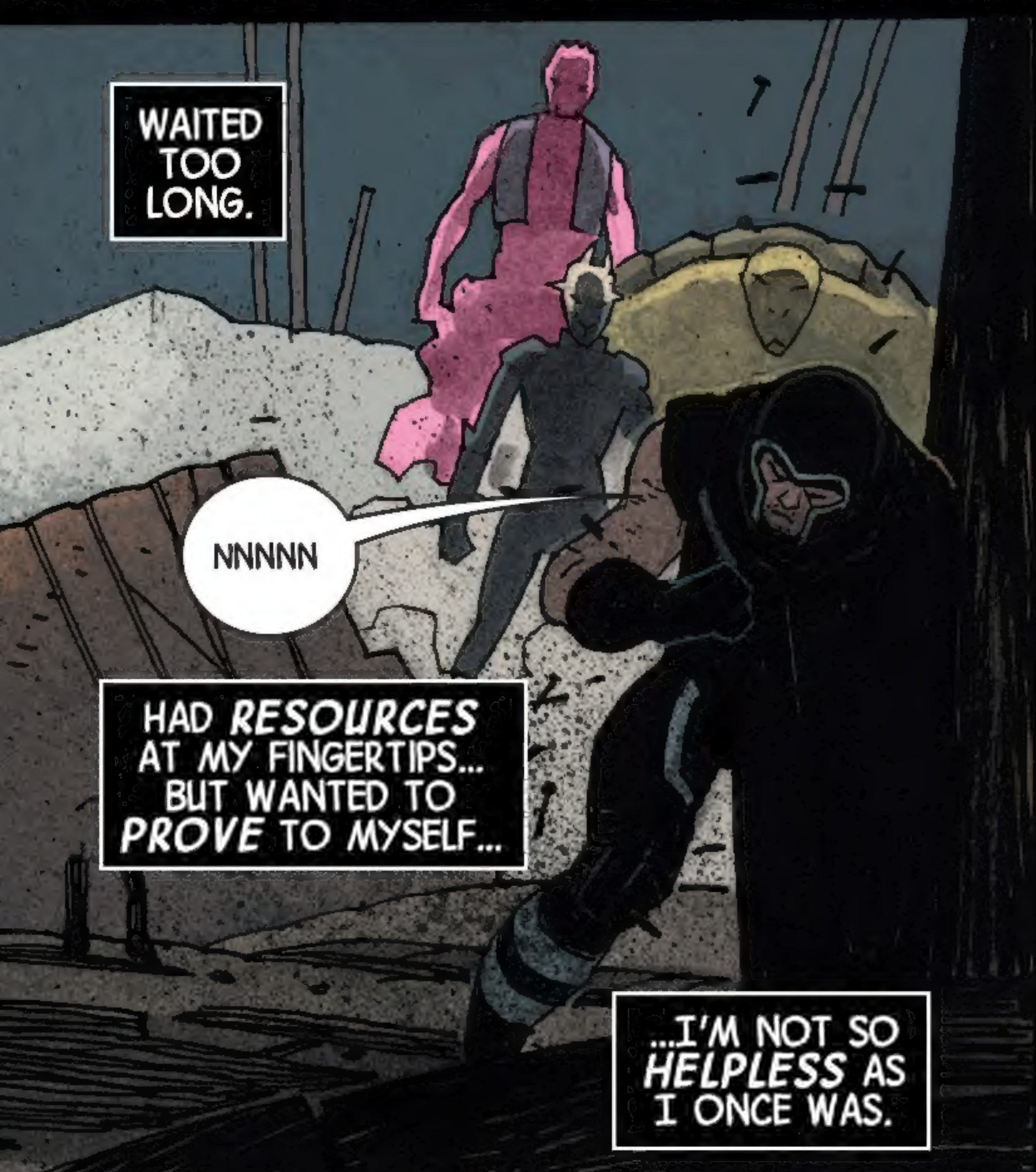


WHY COME HERE? DID YOU REALLY THINK YOU COULD STAND AGAINST RED SKULL AND THE S-MEN?

THE INSECT ALONE IS MORE THAN A MATCH FOR YOU!

THESE S-MEN... THEY'RE RIGHT.

I WAS FOOLHARDY.



WAITED TOO LONG.

NNNNN

HAD RESOURCES AT MY FINGERTIPS... BUT WANTED TO PROVE TO MYSELF...

...I'M NOT SO HELPLESS AS I ONCE WAS.



A WEAKLING TO BEGIN WITH...

...NOW EVEN MORE POWERLESS BENEATH THE GAZE OF THE GOAT-FACE GIRL!



THE "MASTER" OF MAGNETISM.

HMPH!

TAKE HIM.





DON'T  
KILL HIM  
YET.

I WANT  
BLOOD.

I WANT  
HIM TO PAY  
FOR WHAT HE  
HAS DONE.

WE  
ALL WANT  
BLOOD.



BUT WE'LL  
LET YOU  
DRINK THE LION'S  
SHARE.



N-NO,  
CHILD.

NO.

YOU  
CANNOT.



"THERE'S  
NOTHING..."

"...YOU  
CAN DO.



"NOTHING..."

"...EITHER OF  
US CAN DO."

TO BE CONTINUED!





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